

Invitation to Bid

Sealed bids will be received by the Office of Procurement Services, on behalf of the Lake County Board of County Commissioners, until 10:00 a.m. on September 11, 2014, for the furnishing of all services, labor, materials and equipment for the construction of the following project: North Hancock Road Extension Phase IIIA and IIIB, Project No. 2014-11, Bid No. 14-0030.

The North Hancock Road Extension project is located between Clermont and Minneola in South Lake County and shall consist of constructing and widening North Hancock Road to a four-lane urban designed roadway with curb and gutter, bike lanes, sidewalks, and multi-use trail. The project extends from CR 50 north to the proposed new turnpike interchange. Other work associated with this project shall include: storm pipe and structure installation, retention pond excavation, swale and ditch construction, gravity wall installation, guardrail installation, traffic signal installation/relocation, thermoplastic striping, sodding, and other miscellaneous construction. Through a Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Agreement, a portion of the construction will be funded by the Florida Department of Transportation. The contractor shall be required to meet all State and Federal guidelines. The engineer's estimate is \$8,645,930.

Plans, specifications and bid forms may be obtained from Romine Reprographics at <http://www.rominereprographics.com/> or at 535 Cooper Commerce Drive, Suite 340, Apopka, FL 32703, Phone (407) 464-1700.

Bids shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope clearly marked "SEALED BID FOR PROCUREMENT SERVICES: North Hancock Road Extension Phase IIIA and IIIB, Project No. 2014-11, Bid No. 14-0030." and mailed or hand carried to Lake County Board of County Commissioners, c/o Procurement Services, 315 West Main Street, P.O. Box 7800, Tavares, Florida 32778. The bidder shall place on the outside of the proposal envelope the name of the firm submitting the proposal.

All bids shall be received no later than the date and time specified above, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Office of Procurement Services, Fourth Floor, Administration Building, Room 441, 315 West Main Street, Tavares, Florida.

Bids may be withdrawn prior to the date of opening, but no bids may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the date of opening of bids.

The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive formalities, and to award the contract in the best interest of Lake County, Florida.

All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Guarantee acceptable to the County Attorney, which shall be one of the following; bid bond or letter of credit, in the sum of five percent (5%) of the base bid and made payable to Lake County. Said bid bond or letter of credit shall be a guarantee that should the bid be accepted, the bidder will, within ten (10) days after written notice of the award of the contract, enter into a contract with Lake County for the services proposed to be performed and will at that time furnish an acceptable contract surety. Cash, company or personal checks will not be accepted.

A **MANDATORY** pre-bid conference will be held on August 14, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. in the Department of Public Works' conference room, located at 437 Ardice Avenue, Eustis, FL 32726. Bidders are encouraged to purchase and review the plans, specifications, and bid forms prior to the mandatory pre-bid conference so that questions may be presented at that time.